

REMARKS

With this amendment, independent claims 1 and 9 have been amended. Claims 1-6, 9 and 12-16 remain pending in the application. All of the pending claims currently stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Laippy (U.S. 4,696,393) in view of Falaas et al. (U.S. 3,998,654). Support for the amendments to independent claim 1 is found in the specification at page 4, lines 7-17; page 8, lines 7-11. Support for the amendments to independent claim 1 and 9 is found in the specification at page 4, lines 7-17. As such, it is submitted that no new matter has been added to the application by way of this amendment.

Independent claim 1 in amended form recites the limitation “at least one of the first metal substrate and the second substrate receiving said chemical reactant from said applicator prior to the first substrate and the second substrate being brought into contact to initiate anaerobic polymerization therebetween, wherein the second substrate is a material selected from the group consisting of: glass and metal.” Likewise, the commercial package of claim 9 incorporates the article of claim 1 in the context of attachment of a vehicle rearview mirror to a vehicle windshield.

As the following remarks will make clear, Applicant respectfully submits that the prior art of record fails to include the claimed limitations that are entitled to patentable weight consideration.

The basis for the rejection of the outstanding claims is that Laippy teaches all of the claim aspects with the exception of failing to disclose the particular chemical reactants being claimed. Falaas et al. is cited to bolster the teachings of Laippy in this regard by teaching metal salts such as organic copper salts useful in detackifying and removing adhesive substances. Thus, the rejection is based on the obviousness to one skilled in the art to incorporate the

detackifying substances of Falaas et al. into the applicator wipes of Laippy because Laippy teaches applicators appropriate for cleaning agents and that Falaas et al. merely teaches a subclass of cleaning agents (see Paper No. 20040930, page 3, paragraphs 2-4).

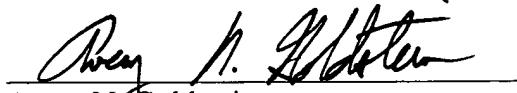
Applicant submits that Laippy teaches an applicator wipe for fluids “intended for sterilizing, cleaning or like purposes . . . or other purposes; these may include, for example, iodine, perfume, bug repellent, stain remover, insect sting antiseptic, etc.” (Column 1, lines 17-23). Laippy is principally concerned with applying substances to human skin or potentially cleaning an undisclosed other surface. Laippy nowhere contemplates the claimed limitation of applying a chemical reactant to at least one of a metal substrate and a second metal or glass substrate from the applicator prior to reducing anaerobic cure therebetween. Falaas et al. fails to bolster Laippy in this regard since Falaas et al. only teaches application of substances to an adhesive layer in order to facilitate removal of the adhesive. Further, Falaas et al. is rendered inoperative by applying the compositions detailed therein to a glass and/or mount substrate prior to bringing them into contact and initiating anaerobic polymerization therebetween since applying an adhesive remover to a clean substrate has no function, and if the claimed substrate were in fact covered with an adhesive then detackifying the adhesive prior to initiating polymerization therebetween would result in bond failure between the glass and mount substrates.

As the pending claims include limitations that are nowhere found in the prior art, those limitations are submitted to be entitled to patentable weight and therefore this represents a basis by which the pending claims are nonobvious over Laippy in view of Falaas et al. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection as to claims 1-6, 9 and 12-16 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Laippy in view of Falaas et al. is solicited.

Summary

Claims 1-6, 9 and 12-16 are the claims pending in this application. Independent claims 1 and 9 have been amended by way of this amendment. Each claim is believed to be in proper form and directed to allowable and patentable subject matter. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims is solicited. If the Examiner finds to the contrary, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned in charge of this application be contacted at the telephone number given below in order to resolve any remaining issues.

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